

REMARKS

This Supplemental Preliminary Amendment is being filed to submit amendments and information in any other manner indicated below.

PENDING CLAIMS

Original Claim 1 has been cancelled herein without prejudice or disclaimer of any scope or subject matter, as original Claims 2-44 were cancelled without prejudice or disclaimer of any scope or subject matter in the Preliminary Amendment filed with the present continuation application on 24 June 2003. New Claims 45-69 are presented herein for consideration and examination in this continuation case. At entry of this Supplemental Preliminary Amendment, Claims 45-69 are pending in the application.

EXAMINER INVITED TO TELEPHONE

The Examiner is invited to telephone the undersigned at the local D.C. area number 703-312-6600, to discuss an Examiner's Amendment or other suggested action for accelerating prosecution and moving the present application to allowance.

CONCLUSION

This Supplemental Preliminary Amendment is being filed within three (3) months of the filing date of the present continuation application, and is therefore timely. No Petition for extension of time is required or possible for entry of this paper. Attached hereto is a Form PTO-2038 authorizing payment of the additional claim fees necessitated by this Supplemental Preliminary Amendment. Please

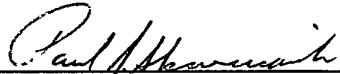
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charge any other fees due in connection with the filing of this paper to ATS&K

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Respectfully submitted,



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